

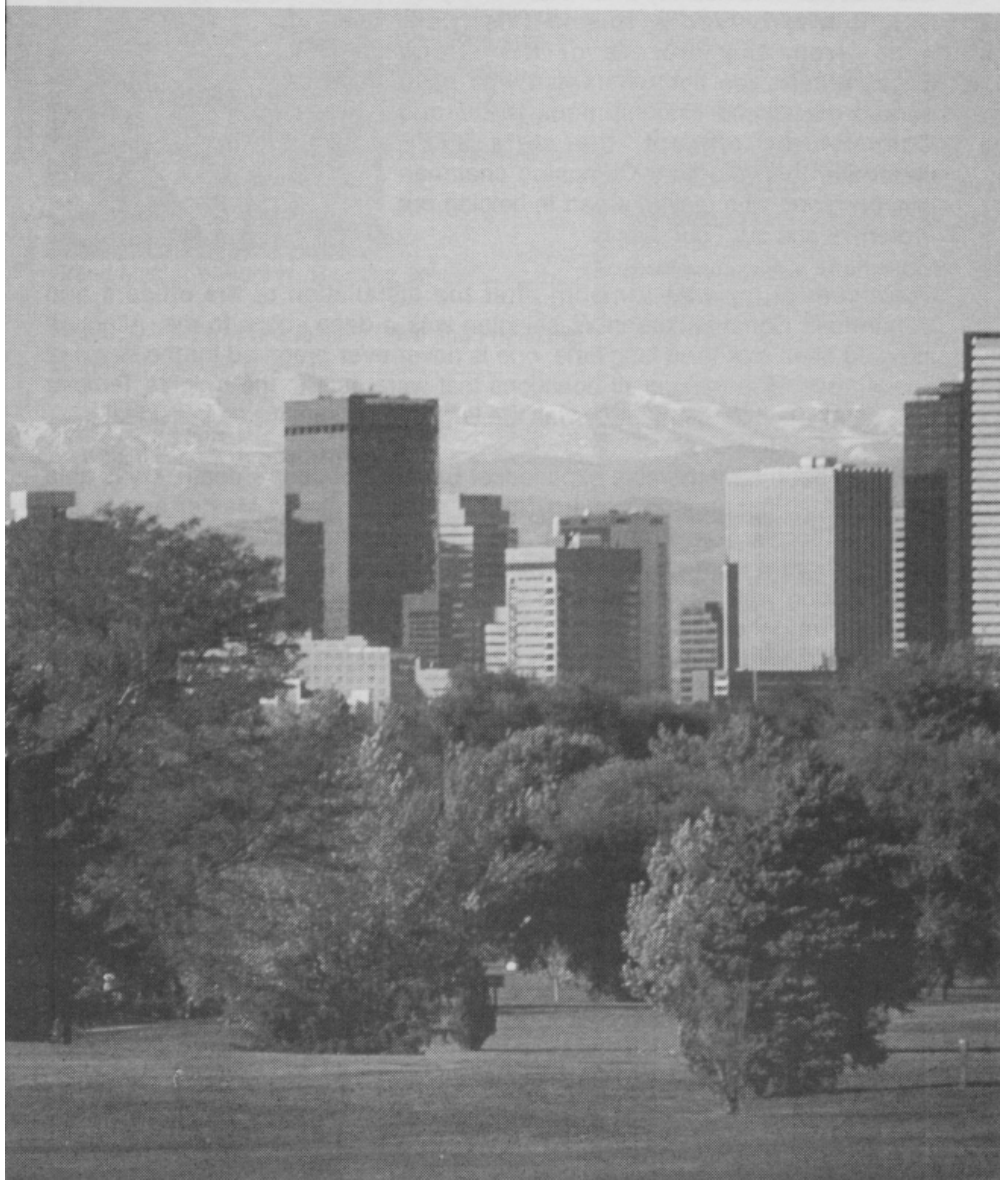


# Knight Templar

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## Grand Master's Page: August 1994

### Thank You!

It is with genuine humility that I thank every Sir Knight who played a role in this triennium - from the officers of the Grand Encampment, the committeemen who have served the Grand Encampment, the Grand Commandery officers, the state KTEF chairmen, the Voluntary Campaign chairman and everyone who played a part in helping our Fraternity and our Foundation.



The death of my wife a month after the installation of the officers and Department Commanders in Washington was a deep shock to me. Although she had been sick for a long time, one is never ever prepared for the death of a loved one. The number of donations that were sent to the Knights Templar Eye Foundation in her memory was the largest ever sent for an individual.

This has been a memorable experience! Because of Jane's death, I was able to devote all my time and energy to the office of Grand Master and to the Knights Templar Eye Foundation. We were able to institute a Membership Jewel program from the Grand Encampment and an Honors Program for those of you who have continued to serve Templary and Craft Masonry far beyond being office holders. The three one-million-dollar Voluntary Campaigns for the 24th, 25th, and 26th campaigns were a tribute to your devotion to our great Fraternity.

When you read this, my last editorial, I hope each of you will say: "I had a part in making this a great three years." I have done everything I could to justify the faith that those of you who elected me in August 1991 showed at that time. I hope you will all agree that the Grand Encampment and the Eye Foundation are a bit better than they were in 1991.

William H. Thornley, Jr., GCT, Th.D.  
Grand Master

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## "The Magazine for York Rite Masons - and Others, too"

**AUGUST:** Our August cover, in celebration of the 59th Triennial Conclave of the Grand Encampment of Knights Templar of the U.S.A., features the city of Denver, Colorado, the site of this event. The articles this month were chosen, also, to celebrate Templary and the great Masonic tradition; we think you will find them enjoyable and informative. Of course, as usual there is news from jurisdictions all across the nation. The staff of *Knight Templar* wishes the Sir Knights a safe and constructive Triennial Conclave, much success in the upcoming triennium, and an outstanding future for Templary.

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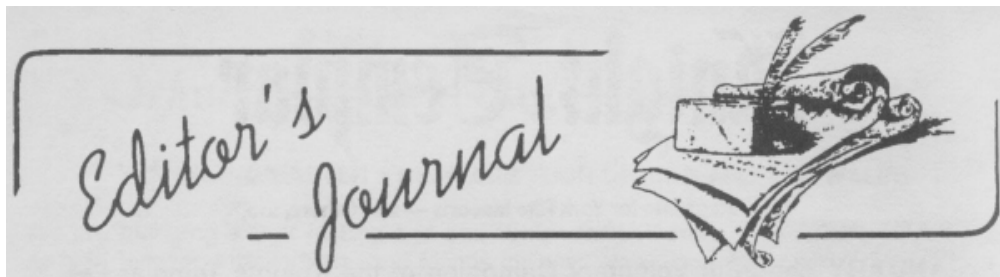
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**Correction:** In the July issue in the section on the 26th Annual Voluntary Campaign, Melita Commandery No. 17, of Litchfield, Minnesota, was mistakenly listed as a Commandery with ten dollars or more per member.

**Attention:** All Grand Commanders and all Deputy Grand Commanders who will be in office as Grand Commanders on November 1, 1994; and Grand Recorders: In the upcoming November issue, *Knight Templar* magazine will again present pictures of those Sir Knights who are Grand Commanders on November 1. Please provide us with a photograph of yourself in uniform by September 10. If your Installation will be in late September or October, order your photo NOW or it will arrive too late for inclusion in the November Issue.

Photos may be of any size (they will be reduced as in previous years), preferably black and white of good, clear quality. Color is acceptable. Do not send polaroid prints as they do not reproduce well. We only use head shots and jewels of office do not appear.

Indicate your name and state on the back of the photograph. Photos are requested by September 10. After that date, it may not be possible to include them in the November magazine.

**Announcing:** The Widow's Pin - to commemorate (those who were active Templars: The Most Eminent Grand Master, William Henry Thomley, Jr., has authorized the design and manufacture of a Green pin for widows of those below the rank of Commander and a Red Templar Cross pin for widows of Sir Knights who held office below the rank of Past Grand Commander (this includes Commanders, Past Commanders, and grand officers.)

You will certainly want to take this opportunity to honor your widows at regular or special programs of your Commandery. Order in lots of 10 at \$5.00 apiece from Sir Knight Herbert Fisher, Honorary P.D.C., 553 Caren Drive, Virginia Beach, VA 23452.

**Sir Knights, Attention!:** An important and invaluable booklet entitled *The York Rite of Freemasonry - a History and Handbook*, is available from the Grand Encampment. Authored by Sir Knight Frederick G. Speidel, KYGCH, Past Grand Preceptor of the Grand College, HRAKTP, and Past Grand Commander of North Carolina; this comprehensive, illustrated 78-page booklet explains the degrees, history, symbolism, and benevolent programs of the Blue Lodge, the Chapter, the Council and the Commandery, with illustrations of the jewels of the officers of each body and the Red Cross, Malta, and Templar banners.

There is no limit on orders: \$1.50 each under 100 copies; \$1.00 each over 100 copies, plus shipping and handling. Write your checks to and mail to the Grand Encampment, Knights Templar; 5097 N. Elston Avenue, Suite 101; Chicago; IL 60630-2460.

**A Pilgrim's Path: Freemasonry and the Religious Right:** This is John J. Robinson's last book, and it is now available as a hardbound copy. Every Mason should want this intriguing and educational book in his library.

The book is available for \$15.00 each, plus \$2.50 shipping and handling. Please make checks payable to the Grand Encampment, and send them to the Grand Recorder; the Grand Encampment, Knights Templar; 5097 N. Elston Avenue, Suite 101; Chicago; IL 60630-2460.

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# Fraternity

## A Story of Brotherly Love and Friendship

by Sir Knight Michael D. Guard, E.P.C, D.Bn.C.

The old Past Master leaned comfortably back in his easy chair. A wisp of smoke drifted lazily from the stubby briar pipe resting in a standing ashtray near the old man's right hand.

Past Master T. Caine reflected on the events of the day. Occasionally he would draw deeply from the pipe enjoying the rich taste of tobacco. Today had been a good day.

He had risen early to help his son with the farm. Although he was retired from the farming operation and his son now owned the acreage, Caine helped with all of the farming chores and put in a long day of work.

This evening he attended a meeting of the Commandery of Knights Templar. His friend Tommy Tyler had petitioned to join the local York Rite, and Caine gladly participated in the conferring of the Chapter and Council degrees.

Now Tommy was taking the Orders of the Commandery, which T. Caine thought to be some of the most beautiful work in Masonry, and he wasn't about to miss seeing Tommy receive the Orders.

The Commandery officers had done a fine job presenting the Order of the Red Cross. The degree was conferred in full form with all the officers in costume and makeup. It was a very beautiful ritual. Even after fifty years as a member of ancient York Rite Masonry, the old Past Master continued to be impressed with the elegance of the York Rite ceremonies.

This evening's work was very well done. All of the officers presented their parts in an

excellent manner, and the Eminent Commander presided well. Yes, it had been a very good day.

Caine casually puffed the blackened briar pipe exhaling a thin stream of fragrant smoke. Earlier tonight one of the Commandery's ritualists commented that the Illustrious Order of the Red Cross was Masonry's oldest degree. Now, our old Past Master had been around Masonry for a long time. He not only worked at Masonry in Lodge, Chapter, Council, Templar Commandery and Scottish Rite; he also studied Masonry!

Caine knew that the Brother who made the comment about the antiquity of the Red Cross degree was only repeating talk heard around the Lodge dinner table - so Caine didn't refute the comment. He did tell Tommy Tyler not to be too quick to accept such talk as gospel.

Although the Red Cross degree emphasized the "almighty force and importance of truth," there were many who were ignorant of the truth when it came to the antiquity, the history, of Freemasonry.

T. Caine had been Worshipful Master of Two Columns Lodge back before the present Master was even born. His work in Scottish Rite and the Royal Arch Chapter were long before many of the present officers were of an age to be able to petition for Freemasonry.

Caine had served as an officer in the local Royal Arch Chapter and presided as Excellent High Priest. Although he had not "gone through the chairs" in the Council of Cryptic Masons or the

Commandery of Knights Templar, his activities were extensive with both of those bodies. He understood the ritual, history, and requirements of both Cryptic and of Chivalric Masonry, and he knew that many good Masons were ill-informed about the antiquity of the degrees.

Tommy Tyler was lying in bed with his young wife. His mind went back over the events of the day as he recounted the evening's experiences to his wife. He told her how very impressed he was with the solemnity and beauty of the Red Cross degree.

The costuming made the ritual seem very real. It was almost like being in the Court of Darius the King of Persia as the princes and rulers discussed the

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influence of wine, kings, women, and truth. When Tommy assumed the role of Zerubbabel and participated in the ceremonies of the King's Court, he felt almost as if he were living in the ancient time. It was truly a beautiful ceremony.

Tommy found all of Freemasonry impressive. From his very first degree up through that taken this evening, the ancient fraternity was exciting to Tommy.

Prior to being initiated into Two Columns Lodge, Tommy did not realize that such an organization as Freemasonry existed. Oh, he had heard of college fraternities, and he knew about the Elks, Eagles, and Moose; but he did not know that such an order, with

the moral teachings of Freemasonry, was available to good men in the community.

Tommy sought a petition to join Masonry at the gentle prodding of his wife's father. Shortly before the date set for their wedding, his future father-in-law asked Tommy if he knew anything about "the Masons." When Tommy cautiously admitted that he thought they were a labor union, Tommy's father-in-law (to be) loaned him two books. One was the history of the Grand Lodge for the jurisdiction; the other a small Masonic monitor.

Tommy was hooked. The symbols and wording of the little monitor intrigued him. It said so much but left much that was unsaid. The history book of the Grand Lodge was pretty dry reading, but it contained many references to things that captured Tommy's attention.

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Tommy's future father-in-law had not invited Tommy to join Masonry, but he had surely piqued the young man's curiosity.

When Tommy asked about the symbols, the cryptic wording in the monitor, and for more information about Masonry, his father-in-law had been very helpful. He answered Tommy's questions forthrightly. He gave Tommy additional books on Masonry. He let Tommy view a videotape prepared for Knights Templar members. And he told Tommy how to acquire a petition.

That was the start, and Tommy was now totally imbued with Freemasonry. He joined Two Columns Lodge and had loved the ceremonies of the first three ritual degrees. Past Master 1. Caine, the senior Past Master of the Lodge, was appointed his mentor, and the old Past Master taught Tommy well.

When Tommy posed questions that Caine couldn't answer, they went

together to the Lodge library where the answers might be found. Caine introduced Tommy to other Masons who were influential within the Craft.

Together they attended other Lodges in the area. Tommy and Caine took an active part in degree work, and Caine insisted upon a good ritual proficiency before allowing Tommy to progress to the next degree.

Under the old Past Master's tutelage Tommy became a well-informed Mason and was now a junior officer at Two Columns Lodge. The time arrived when Tommy wanted further light," and T. Caine assisted him in petitioning the bodies of ancient York Rite Masonry.

Snuggled within the warmth of his bed, Tommy thought about these things. His appreciation of the old Past Master was very great. Tommy well realized the sacrifices of time and effort given by the old man to help him in Masonry. Now the Past Master was helping him in the York Rite work.

As Tommy drifted off toward sleep, a vision of Past Master Caine, dressed in the robes and finery of King Solomon, lingered in his mind.

York Rite Masonry did not require memory lectures as the Blue Lodge did. But Tommy, being a curious Mason, wanted to know about Capitular, Cryptic, and Chivalric Masonry. He wanted to know about the history of the Rite. He wanted to memorize the signs and passes and to understand the degree work he was receiving. And T. Caine was the, to help him.

With these pleasant thoughts about the gentle Masonic Craft and a feeling of deep appreciation for his mentor and friend, T. Caine, Tommy fell into a deep, dreaming sleep.

The strident ringing of the telephone brought Tommy from his sleep. Before he could come fully awake, his wife had picked

up the receiver and was saying, "Hello?"

She hesitated momentarily.. listening, then said, "Tom it's for you. There's been an accident. A fire. T. Caine has been hurt. The Two Columns Lodge Secretary is on the phone, and he wants to talk to you." Quickly Tommy Tyler was fully awake. Reaching for the phone his voice quavered. Hello, what has happened? How badly has Past Master Caine been hurt?"

"Tommy, this is Francis Walker, Secretary out at the Lodge. I just got a

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phone call from Mrs. Caine. T. is out at the hospital. They had a fire at their house - not a real bad fire, but Caine got burned on his hands while trying to put it out. I knew you would want to know. He's out at the hospital now."

"The Master and Senior Warden are on their way out to the hospital, too."

Well.. .There's a time for talking, and there's a time for action. It was a time to be acting. I was pulling on my clothes quicker than scat.

My pretty little wife just sat there on the bed. She was so used to Caine and I going to Lodge that she hadn't thought that I might want her to go with me.

By the time we were both heading to the car, a good fifteen minutes had passed. I was almighty anxious. Old T. Caine had become mighty important to me. The Secretary had said that Caine

wasn't badly hurt - but I was of a mind to go see for myself.

It took another fifteen minutes to drive to the hospital. By the time we were pulling up to the main entrance my mind had entertained dozens of terrible thoughts. "Caine might have burned his hands so badly that he would be crippled for the rest of his life." That was one of the things that ran through my mind.

It is funny how, in an emergency situation such as this, one's mind will play funny tricks on him. Brother Francis, the Lodge Secretary, had said Caine wasn't badly hurt. He had indicated that it was not a bad fire, but my thinking had Caine so badly burned that he would never be the same.

We pulled into the hospital and I was out of the car door almost before the car had stopped rolling. As I hurried through the hospital door, my wife rushing to keep up, my eyes fell on the Worshipful Master. How is Caine? Is he badly burned? Where is he now?" The words just tumbled out. I was so anxious about Caine's welfare that I knew I wasn't making much sense with all of these questions.

The Worshipful Master gently took my arm. "Calm down, Tommy. Our old Past Master is all right. He just has some burns on his hands and arms. As a matter of fact, he is in the doctor's office now—being released to go home. He's going to be fine."

All the way to the hospital I had been so keyed up with worry about Caine that it took a second for the words to sink in. "Being released to go home? But... I thought that he would have to stay in the hospital... Is he really all right?"

Yes, Tommy, he's going to be fine." The Worshipful Master's words were comforting, but I wanted to see Caine. The only way I could know for sure was after I had seen for myself.

Only a few more minutes passed and Caine was coming out of the doctor's

office door. Mrs. Caine was with him, and they were both smiling. Caine had his hands swathed in gauze bandages - the right hand wrapped all the way to his elbow, but the twinkle was still in his eye and he had a smile on his face.

All of us were fussing over him then: the Master, Secretary Walker, the Senior

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Warden and I. We all were asking how he was and pushing up close to see him.

A nurse came out of the doctors office - shoos us all back away from Caine. She pulled around a wheelchair and had him sit down in it. "Mr. Caine has had a shot for pain. We've put salve on his burns, and he won't be able to use his hands for a few days. But he is going to be fine. There won't even be any scarring. Now you fellows just give him a little breathing room. That pain pill is going to make him woozy, so let him just set still."

Mrs. Caine was talking to my wife, telling her about how the fire started. "It was that pipe. T. was setting in that easy chair of his and just dozed off. He must have not put out the pipe. When the smoke woke him up the edge of that chair was on fire. Burned his chair ... and the carpet, too. He's almighty lucky that he didn't get hurt worse."

Smoke from the fire had awakened Caine. He had tried to put out the fire with his hands. Luckily, they had a fire extinguisher in the house, and Mrs. Caine had grabbed it up to put out the fire. She called the Fire Department, but the fire



was already out when they arrived. Then she brought T. to the emergency room.

"The doctor says he will be o.k. The burns aren't all that bad. Just singed the flesh off of his right hand and arm, and toasted his left hand a little. They gave us some salve for the burns, and gave him a pain pill. Your old Past Master will be in pain for a few days, but he's going to be o.k."

Well, they let Mrs. Caine take Past Master T. on home. The wife and I and the Worshipful Master and Lodge Secretary, Francis Walker, stopped off at a little restaurant for coffee.

We were sitting in a booth at that restaurant, talking about the fire, and my wife came up with an idea that both of those Lodge men really agreed with.

We were talking and she said.....You know, the insurance company will reimburse the Caines for the damage to their carpet and chair, but insurance only pays a depreciated cost amount. So the Caines are going to be caught up short when it comes to replacing their things. Why doesn't the Lodge, or the men of the Lodge, buy Past Master Caine a new easy chair?"

They talked her idea over. The Master and Secretary both thought it was a great idea and they decided to ask each of the Lodge officers to put in a little to help buy Worshipful Brother Caine a new chair. They decided to do something extra, too.

When the men from the furniture store delivered that new easy chair to the Caine home, they delivered an extra package, a brand new smoke alarm.

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## Kansas Holy Land Pilgrimage Pin

Editor of the Kansas Supplement, Sir Knight Gerald Butcher, P.G.C., writes "Kansas Sir Knights provide a trip for a Christian minister to the Holy Land. There he or she has the opportunity to be where Jesus was born, where he lived, and where he preached. This great experience may even help him in his service to mankind.

"We are selling beautiful lapel pins to raise funds for this great purpose. The pin depicts a Christian Sir Knight on his horse, making a journey to promote the principles of our order. Around the outer edge of this pin are the appreciative words: Ks., KT,' and 'Holy Land Pilgrimage Supporter.' Each Grand Command-every officer has pins to sell for the price of \$5.00 each. All of the profits will go to this great cause. Contact: Gerald R. Butcher, 317 Lakeshore Drive, Newton, KS 67114-4005

## Ode to the Three Templar Crosses by Sir Knight Norman W. Crabbe

The Cross and Crown,  
the sign of Venus,  
upside down.

A Passion Cross,  
the sign of a Tree,  
Holds matter on the level,  
and plumbs the Spirit Free.

The Cross Patté  
when folded thus,  
forms a five sided figure,  
of pyramid proportions.  
A reliquary that holds,  
the four elements of Earth,  
by thrusting them out from the point of the fold,  
symbolizing that spirit,  
will be made Into Gold.

Sir Knight Norman William Crabbe  
Palestine Commandery No. 7  
Annapolis, MD

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## *Harry S Truman – Quotes*

A President is either constantly on top of events or, if he hesitates, events will soon be on top of him. I never felt that I could let up for a single moment.

*Memoirs, Volume II, Years of Trial and Hope, 1956*

So, as I empty the drawers of this desk, and as Mrs. Truman and I leave the White House, we have no regret. We feel we have done our best in the public service. I hope and believe we have contributed to the welfare of this Nation and to the peace of the world.

*Farewell Address to the American People, January 15, 1953*

## "Mister, Can I See Your Sword?"

by Sir Knight Patrick J. Southam, E.P.C.

In September of 1991, commemorating the 90th anniversary of the death of our martyred President William McKinley, the 21st Masonic District of Ohio and William McKinley Lodge No. 431 sponsored a reenactment of his Masonic funeral. The reenactment included a parade through downtown Canton, Ohio, with a funeral cortege and an honor guard of Knights Templar, the same as his original funeral in 1901. The parade ended and the reenactment occurred at the McKinley Memorial.

My Commandery, Cuyahoga Falls No. 83, is just a few miles north of Canton, so we joined with Sir knights from throughout the area to participate in this event.

We are taught to look upon the beauseant and remember the self-sacrifice and devotion of the ancient Templars. When I heard of the reenactment of the funeral procession and the opportunity to appear before the public, I recalled the ancient Templars. They traveled thousands of miles from Europe to the Holy Land. That was devotion. Could I not walk a mile and a half in a parade? If I were to think that my black uniform might be hot in the September sun, what of the ancient Templars, doing battle in full suits of chain mail armor in the hot sun of Palestine? Theirs was self-sacrifice indeed.

What a memorable day it was with the Knights Templar honor guard, the other Masons and affiliated groups, and the Job's Daughters forming a cross! The Sons of Union Veterans were there to fire a twenty-one gun salute. But for me one of the most

memorable events occurred after the reenactment was over.

As we were heading back to the parking lots and our automobiles, I saw that there were lots of people getting into the shuttle buses. I thought My legs are young, and the bus is crowded; I'll just walk back."

Ahead of me were some Job's Daughters in their white robes, and about a half a block behind them were some young men from the Order of DeMolay. They looked like they knew their way back, so I decided to follow them.

I caught up with the DeMolay boys, and had a pleasant visit as we went along. We chatted about school, cars, girls, and sports; the usual things that boys and men talk about.

We were about a block off the route of the procession, walking side streets rather than the main road. Some of the porches of the houses we passed had children on them, and they obviously noticed our clothing.

A small voice asked "Is this the parade?" One of the young men replied that no, the parade was over an hour ago and that we were just going home.

Now, I'm walking by in my Templar uniform, wearing my chapeau with its splendid white plume. I have a chest full of glittering jewels, and a fine gold and black striped belt. But a little boy on the porch zeros in on the one thing any little boy would. Mister, can I see your sword?"

I did the only thing that I could do. I stopped, and said, "Sure, come on down off that porch so you can take a close look."

Onto the sidewalk hops this red-haired boy about eight or nine years old. I drew my sword and held it across my arm, and showed him all of its fancy decoration.

This little boy's brown eye grew wide as I showed him my name etched on one side of the blade and I explained to him that this meant that the sword belonged to me. I showed off the etched picture of the Crusader fighting the infidel Mohammedan, and the picture of the Knight holding a banner bearing a cross. I showed him the pommel, shaped as a helmet, and I showed him that on the side of the helmet is a cross. I especially pointed out the crosses, explaining that the crosses meant I was a follower of Jesus Christ, and this sword meant I was one of the "Poor Fellow Soldiers of Jesus Christ."

Then I heard, "Can we see it too?" Three lovely little girls were peering at me over the porch railing. I said the only thing I could say, "Sure, come on down and have a look." And I went over the sword again, showing it off to these wide-eyed children.

While doing so my mind thought What do these children know of Jesus Christ? Have they heard this name spoken in a reverent way, as I do in telling about my sword, or are

they used to hearing the name of Christ profaned?" I don't know the answer to that, but I do know that God gave me an opportunity to take a few minutes and share Christ with these children. There is no way that I could have been too busy, or in too much of a hurry to get back to my car.

If you think that parades of Knights Templar are ancient history or that appearing in public in uniform doesn't matter, well, I think that there is a little boy in Canton, Ohio, to whom it did matter. And when that little boy asked me if my sword was heavy, I replied that my arm never tires holding it. And when he asked if I fought people with my sword, I told him that this was a sword for protecting people.

As I sheathed my sword and turned to continue on, this little boy looked at me and said, "Mister, I hope I have a sword like that someday."

And I hope he does, too.

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### Arizona Sir Knight, Maurice A. Storck, Sr., Honored

Sir Knight Maurice A. Storck, Sr., was a recipient of the Hours and Years Award at the Volunteer Recognition Ceremony in Tucson, Arizona, on May 5, 1994, for 4 years and 3,607 hours of volunteer service with the Department of Veterans Affairs Medical Center, Veteran's Stamp and Coin Club. He is a survivor of the attack on Pearl Harbor and served in Guadalcanal, Northern Solomons, and the Philippines. His military awards include the Purple Heart, U.S. Meritorious Presidential Defense Medal and Philippine Government Liberation Medal, Star Asiatic Theater Medal with 3 stars and one arrowhead plus Good Conduct. In addition to his Masonic memberships he is a life member of the Disabled American Veterans and a member of American Numismatist Association.



# 'The Forgotten Crusaders: the Order of Teutonic Knights

by Dr. E. . Edwards, Sr.

When one thinks of the primary crusading orders, naturally the main orders that come to mind are the Templars and Hospitalers. We tend to overlook another important rival order which was modeled after both the Templars and Hospitalers, that is, the Teutonic Order.

Its name was derived from a German hospital in Jerusalem associated with the Church of St. Mary, founded in 1190. The hospital attended sick and infirm pilgrims and crusaders alike. Thirty-eight years later their headquarters was moved to Acre, and the monks who manned the hospital were raised to the rank of knighthood by Henry VI. The official name of the order was "the Knightly Order of the Teutons of the Hospital of St. Mary of Jerusalem," or simply the "Teutonic Knights."

The Teutonic Order adopted the Augustinian Rule and took the standard vows of poverty, chastity, and obedience to the pope. They originally adopted the white mantle with black cross over the breast and back. Their hierarchical organization was similar to that of the Templars, that is, grand master, marshals, etc. They were subdivided, as were the Templars, into knights, sergeants, and chaplains.

After the fall of Acre in 1291 and for all practical purposes the end of the crusades with loss of the Holy Land, their attention shifted to Eastern Europe. Although the Templars, Hospitalers, and Teutonic Knights were at times bitter rivals, they fought side by side throughout many battles, including the siege of Acre. After the Templar Order was suppressed in France in 1314, many renegade Templars were welcomed into their brother orders,

such as the Teutonic order, Hospitalers, Knights of Christ, and the Spanish Order of Calatrava. In the thirteenth century the Teutonic Knights were summoned by the Duke of Poland to Christianize the heathen Slays of East Prussia. During the next hundred years, the Teutonic Order managed to gain control over the Baltic coast from Pomerania to the Gulf of Finland. Their headquarters moved from Acre to Marienburg, Prussia (now Marlboro, Poland). The Teutonic Order was powerful and struggled with Poland and Lithuania for years, until their defeat by the Poles in 1466 at the Battle of Tannenberg. Subsequently, the knights lost many of their holdings in Europe except for East Prussia. The grand master of the Order became a vassal of the Polish king and the exclusively German order was now forced to accept Polish members. In 1525, the grand master converted to Protestantism, and dissolved the order in Prussia. The order was now secularized and had only a handful of possessions in Southern Germany. Furthermore, in 1801, France seized their remaining territories, and the entire order was suppressed by Napoleon in 1809. The order was revived in Vienna in 1840 and became an honorary ecclesiastical order and continues as such today.

We see that the three main crusading orders leave with us a rich and colorful legacy, and in one way or another, through much cross-pollination and perhaps through Freemasonry, they continue to exist today almost one thousand years after being founded

I respectfully dedicate this paper to Melita Commandery No. 35, Ft. Lauderdale, Florida, and to Pompano Lodge No. 263, Free and Accepted Masons.

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## In Memoriam



Kenneth Eugene McCarty  
Illinois  
Grand Commander-1971  
Born September 18, 1909  
Died June 9, 1994

A. Lynn Keyser  
West Virginia  
Grand Commander-1969  
Born July 4, 1910  
Died June 23, 1994

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Eastaboga Lodge  
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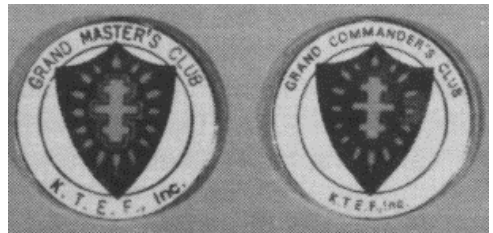
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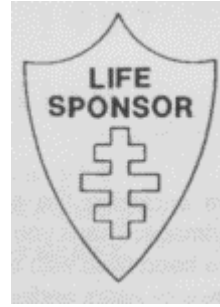
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For forms of government let fools contest;  
Whate'er is best administered is best: For modes  
of faith let graceless zealots fight; His can't be  
wrong whose life is in the right: In faith and hope  
the world will disagree, But all mankind's concern  
is charity.

Alexander Pope  
*An Essay on Man*

## History of the Grand Encampment

### **Chapter XXIII Biographies Of The Grand Masters (Continued)**

#### **Reuben Hedley Lloyd Eighteenth Grand Master 1898-1901 (Continued)**

Sir Knight Lloyd was genial and courteous and enjoyed a large circle of friends. He was a devoted son, and was generous and self-sacrificing in his efforts to promote the welfare of those dear to him, as well as to render aid to organized charities and philanthropic work. He was a lover of nature and found great delight in outdoor activities. He was a connoisseur of art and a collector of art treasures. It was a great personal loss as well as a great disaster to the citizens of San Francisco when his home with its magnificent collection was destroyed in the great earthquake.

Sir Knight Lloyd worked for the best interests of humanity in all the positions he filled.

#### **Henry Bates Stoddard Nineteenth Grand Master 1901-1904**

Henry B. Stoddard was born in Essex County, New York, on June 22, 1840. He came to Texas in 1860 and soon afterward entered the Confederate Army as a private. He served throughout the Civil War and attained the rank of captain. After the close of the war he was released in May, 1865, at Jackson, Mississippi. He then returned to Texas, locating in Millican, where he engaged in the business of cotton brokerage, later moving to Bryan where he made his

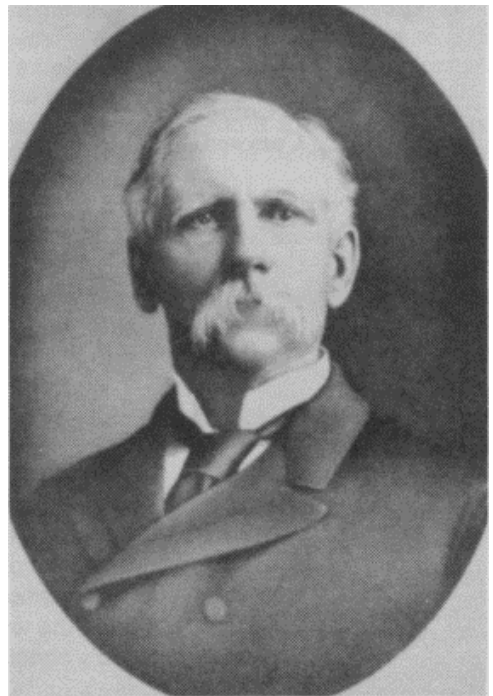
home the remainder of his life.

He was colonel of the Second Texas Volunteer Guards from 1880 to 1885, and brigadier general of the Texas Volunteer Guard from 1885 to 1889. He was greatly interested in education, and was of much assistance in the advancement of the schools in his community.

He died at his home in Bryan, Texas, on May 29, 1925, and was laid to rest there on May 31st.

Sir Knight Stoddard was made a Master Mason in Brazos Union Lodge No. 129 at Bryan in April, 1869, and served as Worshipful Master in 1875 and 1876.

He was exalted as a Royal Arch Mason in Bryan in 1869, and was High Priest of his Chapter for several terms.



**Henry Bates Stoddard  
Nineteenth Grand Master, 1901-1904**



On December 15, 1869, he was created a Knight Templar in Ivanhoe Commandery No. 8 at Bryan, and was elected Eminent Commander in 1875, serving several terms. He was elected Prelate of his Commandery in 1895 and continued in that office until his death.

In 1875 he was elected Grand Junior Warden of the Grand Commandery of Texas, and Grand Commander in 1880. At the Triennial Conclave of the Grand Encampment in 1880 he was appointed Grand Sword Bearer, and in 1901 was elected Grand Master.

In response to his invitation, the Earl of Euston and his staff from the Great Priory of England and Wales attended the Conclave of the Grand Encampment held at San Francisco in 1904. At that meeting the Earl of Euston, Supreme Grand Master of the Great Priory of England and Wales, conferred the high honor of Knight Commander of the Holy House of the Temple upon Grand Master Stoddard.

George Mayhew Moulton  
Twentieth Grand Master  
1904-1907

George M. Moulton was Born in Readsboro, Vermont, on March 15, 1851, of colonial and revolutionary ancestry. He was educated in the public schools of Chicago, to which city his parents had moved in 1853. On his graduation in 1868 from Central High School, he entered his father's business, that of designing and building grain elevators.

In January, 1870, he went with his father to Duluth and aided in the construction of the first grain elevator built in that section of the country. He was secretary to the vice-president and general manager of the Elevator Company at that time. From that time on he became actively engaged in designing and constructing grain elevators in all parts of the country. During his later years, after the entrance of his son into

the firm, he extended his building interests to include several of the large business buildings in Chicago, Columbus and Syracuse. In 1905 he became associated with Western Life Indemnity Insurance Company of which he became president, devoting his entire time to it until he retired in 1925 on account of failing health.

On March 12, 1873 he married Anna Flora Garland, to which union two children were born. Mrs. Moulton died in 1916.

In 1886 he was commissioned as major in the Second Regiment Illinois National Guard, and later as colonel of the Second Infantry Illinois National Guard. When his regiment was called into service in the Spanish American War, he was mustered into the United States Army in May, 1898. His regiment formed part of the Army of Occupation of Cuba. He was detached from his command and detailed on special duty in Havana to organize the police department, becoming the first mayor and the first chief of police of Havana under the American flag. Returning from this war service, he was appointed aide de camp and subsequently inspector general of the Illinois National Guard on the governor's staff. On July 4, 1907, the governor of Illinois commissioned him as major-general and assigned him to the command of the First Brigade of the Illinois National Guard stationed at Chicago.

He passed away in Chicago, on July 24, 1927.

Sir Knight Moulton was an ardent Mason and held, it has been said, more Masonic offices than any member of the order. These cover every recognized branch of the Craft.

He was made a Master Mason in Covenant Lodge No. 526 of Chicago on February 26, 1875. He was Worshipful Master in 1892. In the Grand Lodge of Illinois he was elected Senior Grand Deacon in 1893, and Grand Master in 1901 and again in 1902.

## Highlights

Carroll Commandery No. 17, Maryland Welcomes Grand Master Thornley

On May 17, 1994, Grand Master William H. Thornley, Jr., was welcomed to a dinner and open Conclave of Carroll Commandery No. 17, Westminster, Maryland. While attending Grand Master Thornley presented a Grand Master's Club membership award to Sir Knight Austen V. Forwood. In the picture below, left to right, are Grand Commander Charles E. Hartman, Grand Commandery of Maryland, who assisted in the presentation; Sir Knight Forwood; and Grand Master Thornley.



South Carolina Sir Knight Turns New Leaf as Tutor

As a retired Air Force reserve lieutenant colonel, discipline and patience are a part of life for Summerville Sir Knight John L. Tufts of South Carolina Commandery No. 1. He tutors students in after-school programs, teaches adults to read, and even instructs a blind student in playing the violin.

Sir Knight Tufts says he became involved with teaching blind and handicapped students to play because he wanted to expand their horizons.

He started working with handicapped students at Lambs Elementary School in Charleston and eventually began working with the students at the Easter Seal Center. Now, he teaches the violin, teaches adults to read for the Laubach Literary Association, and spends two days a week with Infiltrate the Enemy Camp homework program in Haven Oaks Apartments. In 1990, he received the Mac Bravo Volunteer of the Year Award presented by the Air Force for his work with blind students in the school system.

In addition to volunteering, Sir Knight Tufts is active with the York Rite, Scottish Rite, and Shriners.

Sir Knights of Muskegon No. 22, MI Celebrate Member's 100th Birthday

Sir Knight John F. Bonsall, P.C., writes that on May 10, 1994, several members of Muskegon Commandery No. 22, Michigan, visited Sir Knight Harvey Paulson to celebrate his 100th birthday. Sir Knight Paulson was presented with a seventy-year Masonic Lodge membership pin by Sir Knight Edwin Anderson, P.M. and 33°, who was himself Raised by Paulson forty-nine years ago. Paulson, a retired school teacher, has been an active member of Noachite Lodge No. 507 and Muskegon Commandery No. 22, both located in Muskegon, Michigan. He served as Master in 1939 and recently retired after many years as Treasurer. He was elected an Honorary Past Commander in 1971. He is their only Honorary Past Commander.

On the same occasion, Sir Knight Brian Mathes, Worshipful Master of Noachite Lodge, presented Sir Knight Paulson's son Bill with his forty-year pin and life membership card.

## from the Masonic Family

Shown in the photograph from left to right are: Sir Knights Keith Crankshaw; Gerald Sleeman, P.C.; Walter Ross, P.C.; Jack Cooke, KYCH; Edwin W. V. Anderson, 33<sup>o</sup>; and Leo Bachelor, E.C. in the foreground is Sir Knight Harvey Paulson, H.P.C.



Sir Knight Kenneth L Lowmiller  
President of National Sojourners,  
Inc.

Sir Knight Kenneth L. Lowmiller, Past Commander of Tipton Commandery No. 52, Tipton, Oklahoma, was installed on June 17, 1994, as National President of National Sojourners, Inc., in San Diego, California. Sir Knight Lowmiller is a retired U.S. Army field artillery officer.

National Sojourners is a Masonic body composed primarily of commissioned and warrant officers of the seven uniformed forces of the United States who are also Master Masons in good standing. The organization is oriented toward and committed to patriotic endeavors to develop true patriotism and Americanism throughout the nation and to maintain a strong, reliable national defense.

Sir Knight Lowmiller is also a Past National Commander of the Heroes of '76, an affiliated organization that is dedicated to preserving the memory of Brethren who

figured prominently in the revolutionary struggle. He is a Past Illustrious Master of Tipton Council No. 60 and Past Grand High Priest of the Grand Chapter, R.A.M., of Oklahoma. He is a member of the York Rite College, Royal Order of Scotland, Past Commanders Association, and Commandery drill instructor, plus he is active with the Scottish Rite.



### Arrangement of Russian National Anthem to be Presented

As a gesture of friendship and respect, an arrangement of the newly-adopted Russian National Anthem was presented to administrations of seven Russian cities during a July excursion aboard the *Trans-Siberian Express*, according to Sir Knight Mark Eutsler, president of Railway Heritage Network, which commissioned the arrangement from Indiana music arranger Laureate Dr. William C. Moff A.

Sir Knight Eutsler and his Lady Therese were among a group of a dozen travelers from central Indiana who joined others from around the country in what is being hailed

as "a trainload of American Christians traveling across Russia to support the work of the Russian churches in the new day of religious freedom," by the John T. Conner Center for East/West Reconciliation, Inc., based in West Lafayette.

Eutsler credits the U.S. State Department, Embassy of the Russian Federation, and the U.S. Embassy in Moscow for making the

arrangement and presentations possible. The arrangement is a gift from Moffit, who has arranged nearly 500 titles which have sold almost one million copies throughout his career.

Sir Knight Mark Eutsler is a member of the Crawfordsville, Indiana, York Rite: No. 40, R.A.M.; No. 34, C.M.; and Commandery No. 25, Knights Templar.

## Participants in the Grand Master's Heritage Tour



The Grand Master's Heritage Tour commenced on June 10, 1994, and ended on June 24, 1994. The participants returned to the United States all smiles, as is evident from the picture of the group shown above. This picture was taken at Oakley Court, near Winsor, England. The participants were as follows: In the front row, left to right, are: Bob McMarlin, Virginia; John C. Werner, D.C.; Walter Kitts, D.C.; and Ilah Gannoe, Washington. Seated, left to right, are: Bea Werner, D.C.; Anita Rezash, Texas; Ann Weekley, Ohio; Peggy Grimshaw (tour guide); Lynn Zehner, Ohio; and Margaret Kitts, D.C. Standing, left to right, are: Bryan and Mary Berry, Pennsylvania; Reverend Bob Rezash, Texas; Ray Weekley, Ohio; Lois and Cookie Morrison, Kentucky; JO Parker, Michigan; John Dorsett, Illinois; William Parker, Michigan; Dan and Mary Stevenson, West Virginia; Burch Zehner, Ohio; and Terry (coach driver).

# **Developing Masonic Education And Creating Interesting Meetings**

by Sir Knight William J. Ellenberger

Masonic Education - Often Talked About, Seldom Seen

During sixty-three years of Masonic membership, I have attended Lodge meetings in a dozen jurisdictions and have seen scores of candidates Raised to the Sublime Degree of Master Mason.

It really would be interesting to know the Masonic history of these Brothers. Did they become active or did they just belong?"

In my own Lodge I have been able to carefully observe recently Raised Brethren. Some entered the bottom of the line and progressed to the Master's chair, enthusiastically performing the duties of each station. Others served on the Fellowcraft Team, on committees, or in other ways rendered valuable service to the Lodge. But too many became card-carrying, non-attending members. What about these Brothers who simply dropped out? Wherein did we fail them?

When my father went to lodge with me the night I was Raised a Master Mason, his only advice was: "Pay close attention to what takes place," but it was such an overwhelming experience that, despite my father's advice, I had a difficult time recalling the ceremonies and the obligation I had just received. One phrase, however, stuck in my mind: "...and signifies what - the Builder?"

I was somewhat timid when I first attended Lodge, but Past Masters and Brethren greeted me warmly and put me at ease. Watching the opening and closing of Lodge and the conferral of the degrees added to my Masonic education.

Despite this, something was missing that I did not appreciate at the time: the broader significance, the origin of our degrees and the history of our Craft.

My Masonic education was deficient. Was the fault mine? Had I failed to pay sufficient attention to that often quoted definition of Freemasonry, "a beautiful system of morality veiled in allegory and illustrated by symbols"? I now wish my instructor for the degrees had urged me to read and improve my knowledge of our Craft.

Adhering only to the minimum requirements of the Grand Lodge is a disservice to new members. These Brothers should be offered the broader view and introduced to the vast field of Masonic literature in order to achieve fuller appreciation. I suspect we have lost the active participation of some members for want of this.

The more I read and study the books that tell the history and development of Freemasonry, including the Allied Degrees in the York and Scottish Rites, the more I am convinced we need to expose and interpret them to less informed Brethren. We owe a debt to Masonic scholars whose work is of inestimable value to Brethren both young and old.

It is the duty of the Master to give the Craft good and timely instruction or see that the same is done. Hence, the Master and the officers are charged with the responsibility of Masonic education.

Experience reveals that this important feature of Craft Masonry is often neglected, being pushed aside for the business of the moment. At every meeting not devoted to ritualistic work some bit of Masonic education should be imparted to the Brethren. The program for the Masonic year should feature one or more meetings devoted to Masonic education as the prime feature.

I wonder how many inactive members would have become active members had they received Masonic education in Lodge or from their instructors? Some Masonic bodies have lately undertaken to meet this need. Such a program is a school of Masonic Studies initiated by the Scottish Rite Valley of Northern New Jersey. (New Jersey's *Ars Collegium* is a born-again idea for teaching *Freemasonry: The Northern Light*, Vol. 24, No. 2, May 1993, pages 8-9.)

But the absence of such an organized program or polished speakers should not

be an excuse. Every Lodge can start an enthusiastic Masonic Education program. There is no shortage of Past Masters and senior members capable of interpreting the degrees and talking on related matters. As a starter, selected members could be asked to read some of the short pieces available in good Masonic books and present the information to the Lodge.

A program, well managed, should receive enthusiastic support. It would be comparable to the continuing education" so essential and popular in business and the professions. When a man completes college work in one of the professions, the last ceremony is commencement. That is not the end of his education but the beginning of further studies to enhance the basics. Likewise, when a Brother become a Master Mason and meets the minimum Grand Lodge requirements, it should be his commencement in Masonry, the beginning of further studies in Masonic lore.

### The Interesting Meeting - A Masonic Stimulus

When I pledged to Acacia Fraternity many years ago, Masonic membership was a prerequisite to initiation. At the suggestion of several of my future fraternity brothers who were already longtime friends, I petitioned their Lodge. In the years that followed the double tie meant much to us. Today, I am now the sole survivor of that group from six decades ago. Unfortunately, for Acacia to survive, the fraternity had to drop the Masonic membership requirement because men students were graduating from college before reaching twenty-one years of age.

Following college, several of my fraternity brothers and I would occasionally attend Lodge meetings.

Once when I asked a Brother Acacian to attend a Lodge meeting, he declined saying "all they do when there is no degree work is to introduce visitors and dignitaries and transact routine business." Although that Brother is now deceased, his comments are not. I have attended scores of meetings of our Symbolic Lodges, as well as those of our York and Scottish Rite bodies. Despite the good reasons for attending meetings so many are so dreary and routine that many Brothers are absent. Those present often get into personal conversations which are disrespectful to the Worshipful Master.

Harking back to my Acacia Brother's complaint, I offer four suggestions to streamline Lodge business and provide worthwhile programs:

1. Masonic protocol dictates that visitors be welcomed, that Past Masters be recognized, and that Grand Lodge officers be accorded appropriate honors. The Master should determine, beforehand if possible, whether the Grand Master or any other Grand Lodge officer attending proposes to address the Lodge. The Master can then handle the introductions efficiently to keep the meeting from dragging. A well-organized Master conducts a meeting at such a good pace that speeches become more interesting and brief.

2. When the agenda includes a programmed speaker, especially if he is of Masonic prominence, he should not be required to sit through a long business meeting before his part of the program. After opening, the Lodge should defer business until the speaker has presented his program. If the speaker is a non-Mason, the Master should open the Lodge and immediately go from labor to refreshment for the program. Then after thanking the speaker, the Lodge can return to labor and conduct business.

3. The process of handling routine business must be greatly shortened. By election to Lodge office, the members have expressed their confidence in the elected Brethren to look after most of the Lodge affairs. Although certain business, as electing candidates to receive the degrees, necessitates the vote of each member present, some items such as reading the minutes can be abbreviated. The Secretary should not have to read every word of the minutes such as listing of those occupying the stations and places in the Lodge during that particular meeting. Only significant business transactions need to be read in toto for the benefit of members who were not present at the previous meeting. This does not preclude a member asking a question when the Master inquires as to any errors or omissions. The Master should then approve the minutes as read

or corrected. It is not necessary for the Lodge to vote approval of the minutes.

Every Lodge should have an annual budget approved at the beginning of each Masonic year. The budget should show in detail anticipated income and proposed expenditures by categories, including charitable contributions and relief. Having approved these expenditures, why should

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the Lodge have to appropriate items individually at each meeting? The bylaws establishing a budget and the procedures for amendments thereto should include provisions for any budget category to be exceeded by not more than ten percent in extenuating circumstances so long as the total budget is not exceeded and the expenditures are within income. Instead of reading a long list of small items for appropriation at each meeting, the expenditures having been approved by the Master, Secretary and Treasurer, all that is needed is a brief report by the Treasurer. Obviously, there will be times when the significant expenditures proposed need to be brought to the attention of the membership.

One advantage of having an operating budget and living by it is that it precludes some member proposing an expenditure not in the budget. Such a proposal should be referred to the budget committee and, after consideration, submitted to the Lodge for action. This safeguard insures prudent spending and supports sound financial practices.

4. Lodges tend to follow a standard agenda and seldom have special programs. It is these special programs that make a meeting interesting and draw members who probably would not otherwise attend. As I recall, there is somewhere in Grand Lodge rules, regulations, or ritual the statement that at each meeting the Master shall give a lecture or part of a lecture. This refers to Masonic education. Seldom have I heard it done, but streamlining the routine matters would provide time for much needed Masonic education. It does not have to be the sole responsibility of the Master. He can assign this to

knowledgeable members of the Lodge. A short piece at each meeting should keep up interest along with specially programmed meetings in which the Masonic education lecture is the prime business of the evening.

How about a little self-examination? Do we need a little change to avoid getting into a rut and failing to keep up interest in Lodge meetings? If so, let's do it!

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## Letter to the Eye Foundation

Dear Knights Templar:

I want to express my thanks to the Knights Templar for my restored sight.

Since I didn't have health insurance, I put off seeing any eye doctor for a long time. Being a widow and not quite old enough for Medicare, it was embarrassing for me to seek help, but I didn't know what else to do.

I called so many agencies in search of assistance, and call after call, I was told to call someone else - it felt hopeless.

Finally, I was given your number and told to write a letter. I almost didn't write the letter figuring it wouldn't help. Eventually, I did, and you know the rest. Your representative, Mr. Bob Prewitt, couldn't have been nicer, even offering transportation if needed.

On April 12, I had the surgery on my left eye, and April 26, I had the surgery on my right eye. When the eye patch was removed after the first surgery, it was like the world lit up - I knew my vision was bad but had no idea I wasn't even seeing colors correctly.

Now, both eyes are seeing correctly, and it is wonderful! I am eternally grateful to the Knights Templar. In the future, I hope in some way to show my appreciation so that someone else may be helped.

Gratefully,  
Jo Ann G. Moores  
Cincinnati, Ohio



# Lodge Membership and The Christian Conscience

by Reverend Charles H. Roberts, Jr.

No doubt a majority of Freemasons are aware of the recent controversies in several Christian denominations regarding Lodge membership. The discussion among Southern Baptists has been the most visible, and although the issue was more or less settled, Freemasons should not assume that all is well.

An example of the continued rumblings by anti-Masons may be seen in a recent *issue of The Christian Research Journal*, the official publication of the California based cult-watch organization, the Christian Research Institute. The winter 1994 issue featured a cover with square and compass and the headline, "The Masonic Lodge and the Christian Conscience," written by Dr. John Weldon, co-author with John Ankerberg of the *notorious, Secret Teachings of the Masonic Lodge*. There is little doubt as to the direction the article in question will take.

Although the article by Weldon is basically a critique of the failure of the Southern Baptists to outright condemn Freemasonry, it, nevertheless, provides the Craft with a further example of the shoddy research and false arguments amassed by anti-Masons to support their presupposed conclusions about Freemasonry. A quick scan of the footnotes to the article (there are fifty-eight of them) shows that Weldon continues the unfortunate anti-Masonic practice of leaning heavily on the purely personal-opinion writings of Pike, Hall, and Wilmshurst, among others. So far as this writer is aware, neither Weldon nor

Ankerberg has responded to any of the research and rebuttals of their work by our late Brother John Robinson.'

Weldon's article contains a number of inaccuracies and illogical statements. He begins by saying that many Masons are proud to be a part of a benevolent organization like Masonry and refers to our "worthwhile causes, such as children's hospitals."<sup>2</sup> Most Masons will immediately recognize that the Shrine is the organization that runs the children's hospital programs and the Shrine is not a Masonic body. This is a minor point, but it reveals the continued failure of the anti-Masonic writers to be accurate in their writing.

How would Dr. Weldon like it if I wrote an article in which I said, 'Christians are proud to be a part of an organization that maintains many fine and beautiful church buildings like St. Peter's in Rome.'? Since Dr. Weldon is not a Roman Catholic but an evangelical Protestant (as is this writer), he might wish that I had been more accurate in my statement and rightfully so. Freemasons ask for the same courtesy.

After chiding the Southern Baptists for failing to stack their investigating committee with people who had already made up their minds that Freemasonry should be condemned,<sup>3</sup> Weldon proceeds to focus on various references in our Blue Lodge rituals that he claims teach men to expect salvation and entrance into heaven by doing good works and engaging in moral behavior.

As a Christian minister and pastor, I too would share Dr. Weldon's concerns if

they were true: but they are not. Nowhere has Freemasonry ever hinted that its purpose is to teach men the way of salvation and so far as this writer is aware, no Freemason is ever told anything by any Grand Lodge or ritual that implies that the way of salvation is through Freemasonry. The Craft certainly is concerned about moral behavior and acts of charity, but no Masonic organization has ever told this writer that as a Christian some other source of morality is better for me than what is found in the Bible.

Dr. Weldon next laments the fact that there may be Masons who believe that their Masonic membership is sufficient for their salvation.<sup>4</sup> As a Pastor I am concerned about that, too, insofar as there are those who actually believe it.

I am also concerned that there are Christians who believe that their church membership or their tithing is sufficient for

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salvation, but I recognize that for what it is: a false belief on the part of the one holding it. Surely Dr. Weldon would not propose that all Christian churches be closed because there are those who misunderstand and even distort Christian teaching.

All candidates for the degrees in Masonry are explicitly warned that the lodge is *not* a substitute for church or family. If some Masons fail to heed that warning that is not the fault of the Craft as a whole.

Dr. Weldon continues to set forth the argument that Freemasonry requires its members to abandon their own religious

convictions and worship a common denominator deity, a generic god who is the same in all religions.

Such a sentiment may indeed be found in the writings of some Masonic authors like Pike or Hall, but Weldon and Ankerberg stridently refuse to acknowledge the fact that none of these writings are "official" Masonic "dogma." As a matter of fact, the much maligned *Morals and Dogma* of Albert Pike contains the following disclaimer by the author: Everyone is entirely free to reject and dissent from whatsoever herein may seem to him to be untrue or unsound."<sup>5</sup> In all the discussion about Pike and his book, this very significant sentence is seldom if ever quoted by anti-Masons and for obvious reasons: it undercuts the basis of their claims that Christians are either forced or tricked into following a different religion.

Weldon faults the Blue Lodge degrees for not instructing its members in the truths of the Gospel.<sup>6</sup> I have long suspected the basic criticism of the Craft by men like Dr. Weldon is that we are faulted because we are *not* church.

One wonders if Dr. Weldon is upset because circuit court judges and magistrates do not instruct accused criminals that Jesus Christ is the only mediator between God and man.

I find it amazing that in all his research Dr. Weldon has failed to discover the York Rite of Freemasonry and the fact that a Mason **must** affirm he is a strong believer in the Christian religion in order to petition for the degrees. I find it astounding that neither Dr. Weldon nor Dr. Ankerberg have bothered to tell their followers that in the Commandery the Lord Jesus Christ IS lifted up as the only mediator between God and man!

Perhaps the most glaring example of the subterfuge to which Dr. Weldon has resorted to prove" his point is found on page 36 of the *Journal* article. Here Weldon quotes from *Coil's Masonic*

*Encyclopedia* (He claims the quote was written by Coil himself but there is no indication of that; apparently Weldon is unaware of the fact that Coil had at least three other scholars writing articles for the *Encyclopedia*), to the effect that Coil slanders the God of Christianity (the biblical God) by calling Him a "partisan, tribal God..." and Weldon then goes on to assert that Coil claims the Masonic concept of God is far superior, and he quotes a statement seeming to imply just that.<sup>7</sup> Anyone who bothers to read the article from *Coil's* will see easily enough the quotes in question have been taken out of context and made to say or imply something very different from the intent of the 12-page, double-columned article from which they were taken. These quotes were taken from a general discussion on the "Nature and Name of Deity..." and they are a part of a broad discussion of the history of religious and philosophical investigations into that matter.

What Dr. Weldon does not tell his readers is that there are many seminary textbooks used to train evangelical Christians from which similar statements could be found. Wrenched from their context, they could easily be made to appear as though the author or the seminary slanders the Christian God! Whether Dr. Weldon or I like it or not, there are so-called biblical scholars who would use such terms to describe the biblical God. The article in *Coil's* is not a declaratory statement but a general reference to the history of the nature of religious and philosophical discussion about who God is. Weldon's assertion that Coil is claiming superiority for some supposed Masonic concept of God is simply not to be found in the article in question. Coil nowhere asserts that the attributes of God in question (boundless, eternal, universal, undenominational, international.....) are part of a specific and official Masonic dogma about God. Rather, as with the previous quote, this

too is taken out of context from a broad and general discussion of the history of the issue in question.

At the close of this article Dr. Weldon "throws down the gauntlet" with this statement, "The issue is, can Christianity and Masonry be logically joined together without violation of scriptural teaching and Christ's glory?"<sup>8</sup> Needless to say, Weldon has a negative answer to that question.

The question is instructive for a number of reasons. First, it shows Dr. Weldon's ignorance of Masonic history. The fact is that prior to the writing of Anderson's Constitutions in the 18th

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century Freemasonry was clearly Christian and Trinitarian. This much is obvious from the surviving exposures and catechisms from the 16th and 17th centuries. The Christian Freemasonry of those days is preserved today in the various degrees of the York Rite.

Secondly, the nature of Dr. Weldon's question shows the problem inherent in trying to legislate for every man and bind his conscience. I presume that given Dr. Weldon's background and current associations he holds to a form of evangelical Christianity known broadly as "Dispensationalism." I will also presume that with regard to the nature of salvation, the work of Christ, and the nature of Man, Dr. Weldon is basically an "Arminian."

As a minister of the Gospel who holds strongly to the Westminster Confession of Faith and thus a Reformed/Covenantal

understanding of the Bible, I would pose this question: The issue is, can Christianity and Dispensationalism (or Arminianism) be logically joined together without violation of scriptural teaching and Christ's glory? I would answer with a resounding "Not" but I would in no way seek to deprive Dr. Weldon of conscience and freedom before God to seek out these matters on his own.

Likewise, one would hope that Dr. Weldon would extend the same courtesy to evangelical Christian Freemasons who are fully aware that no one has ever told them that they had to stop being evangelical Christians in order to be Freemasons.

<sup>1</sup>Apart from his many TV and radio appearances, his best known books are *Born in Blood* (1989) and *A Pilgrim's Path* (1993).

<sup>2</sup>*The Christian Research Journal*, page 22.

<sup>3</sup>*ibid.*

<sup>4</sup>*ibid.* page 23.

<sup>5</sup>AJberl Pike, *Morals and Dogma*: preface, page iv

<sup>6</sup>*ibid* page 37.

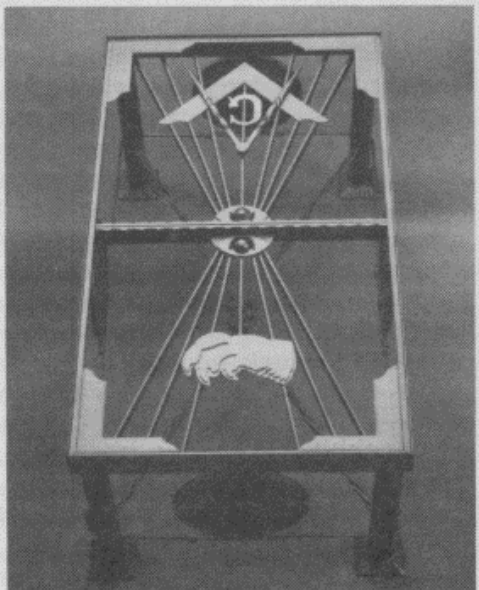
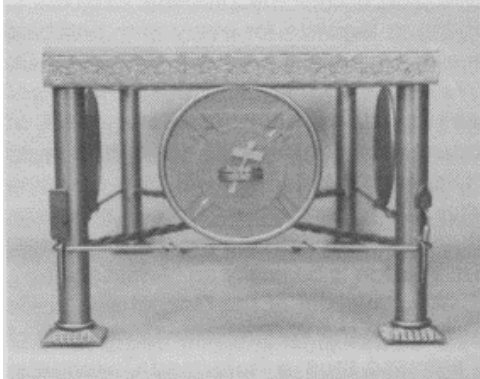
<sup>7</sup>The quote is taken from the long article in *Coil's* on "religion," pages 516-517.

<sup>8</sup>page 39.

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## Artist-Brother Creates Masonic Table For Nebraska's Grand Master Mattoon

Brother Jerry R. Spiker of Sidney, Nebraska, who is a Past Master Counselor, Master Mason, and a member of the Scottish Rite and Shrine, has created a unique Masonic masterpiece for Nebraska's Grand Master Steven F. Mattoon, who was installed on February 13, 1994. Brother Spiker, an artist-blacksmith and member of the Artist-Blacksmiths Association of North America, says that the table, which was totally handmade in approximately seventy-two hours, is ornately detailed with symbols having deep Masonic meaning: "On the top is displayed the square, compass, letter G, the all-seeing eye, and the lion's paw. On each side of the table are the insignias for York Rite, Shrine, Eastern Star, and Scottish Rite. On the four legs are the plumb, level, 24-inch gauge, and the trowel. The legs are tied together with a cable-tow, which was made from three pieces of quarter-inch, round steel, twisted into a "rope" and tied in a square knot. The twisted pieces run through the legs of the table and then split to hold up the designs on the sides and ends." Brother Spiker, who is interested in knowing of other art of a Masonic nature, resides at R.R. 1, Box 93; Sidney; NE 69162; (308) 254-4404 or (308) 254-6018.



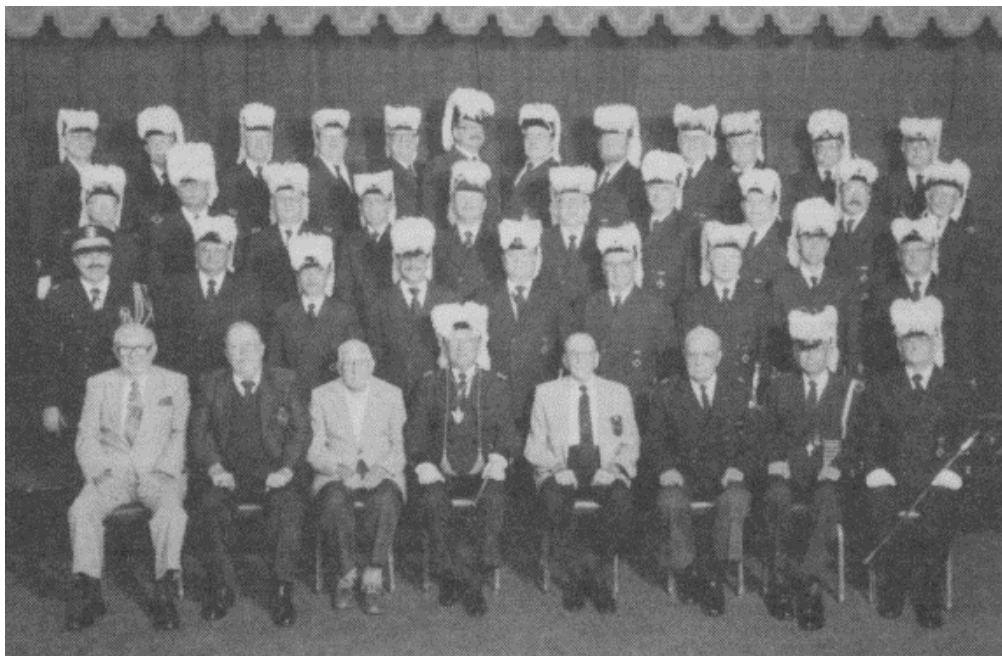
## Ivanhoe Commandery No. 54, Van Wert, Ohio Celebrates One Hundredth Anniversary

In 1894 some forty-two Sir Knights petitioned the Grand Commandery, Knights Templar of Ohio, for a dispensation to establish a Commandery in Van Wert. At first the Grand Commander was reluctant to issue a dispensation saying there were already enough Commanderies in the state.

However, after hearing the pleas of many Sir Knights and Christian Masons and recognizing the zeal of the Christian Masons in the Van Wert area, he granted a dispensation on June 12, 1894, to Ivanhoe Commandery No. 54. Sir Knight Henry Davies was named the first Eminent Commander. He thus headed two of the bodies when they were chartered. The permanent charter was issued December 25, 1894.

The Ivanhoe Commandery Drill Team was inspired by the late S. Dillon Hattery of Celina, Ohio, and was organized in 1955 under Drill Captain Ned E. Dull. Since that time, the team has brought home many state and national championships. The most recent was the 1993 state class A championship and the class A championship at the 57th Triennial held in Lexington, Kentucky. In national competition, the team has placed first five times, second two times, and third four times. In thirty-five state competitions, they placed first thirty-four times.

To commemorate this festive occasion, there will be a banquet at the Elk's Lodge, 740 South Washington Street, Van Wert, Ohio, on September 17, 1994. Social hour is at 5:30 P.M., dinner at 6:30 P.M. Dinner price is \$15.00 per person and includes a memento of this grand occasion. The banquet is limited to two hundred quests on a first-come, first-served basis. Reservations may be made by contacting Harold Fritz, 1309 E. Ervin Road, Van Wert, OH 45891, (419) 238-5120. Make checks payable to: 100th Anniversary Committee. Motel reservations are available if needed. Reservation deadline is September 6, 1994.





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A beautiful Knights Templar certificate is a great gift idea. 11"x14, blue parchment, paper certificate with five colors. The gold arch-ways are embossed, and 80% of the letters are raised letter. There are six shadow figures. The Cost of this lovely certificate is \$8.00 each, including shipping and handling. Net proceeds will benefit the Eye Foundation. This is a limited edition of only 2,500 certificates. When ordering this certificate, please refer to it by its name, "What Is A templar?" Certificates will be mailed out twenty-one day after I receive the order. If ordered in amounts of ten certificates or more, I can provide a discount. Send orders to: Stanley C. Buz, P.O. Box 702, Whitehall, PA 18052. Please include check or money order and your telephone number with your order.

This first, limited edition, Masonic Knights Templar stein will benefit the Eye Foundation. This stein is the first in a series representing different Masonic bodies that will be produced over the next eight years. Each stein is 20-oz. with custom-made, brown body with a lid and shell handle, and includes nine pieces of artwork on the body. Each is hand painted in 22c gold and platinum, and fired for seven days. Then three other colors (black, dark brown and red) are added to make up the beautiful five-color effect of this Masonic stein. Each stein is numbered for the limited edition; this series contains one thousand pieces. The cost of this stein is \$45.00, which will include shipping and handling, and of this amount \$10.00 goes to the Eye Foundation. Each contains a certificate of authenticity. This will make a great gift for Christmas, or any gift occasion, for a Sir Knight. If interested, please send check or money order to: Stanley C. Buz, P.O. Box 702, Whitehall, PA 18052. Shipment will be in approximately twenty-one days after receipt of order. Phone number: (610) 770-9416.

For sale: Commandery hats to help KTEF. They are black with white lettering (gold for P.C.) and have Commandery name and number with cross and crown. One size fits all: \$10.00 each. Please include \$2.50 for S & H. \$2.00 of each sale goes to KTEF. Send check to Malta Commandery No. 10, P.O. Box 560, Derby, VT 05829.

For sale: white York Rite cap with six-color embroidered emblem showing Blue Lodge, Chapter, Council, and Commandery emblems. Donation to the three York Rite charities. Cap is \$10.00 plus \$1.00 postage. Robert Haupeil, P.O. Box 433, Farmington, NM 87499.

York Rite belts from the Grand Commandery of New Hampshire are still available, and will be kept in stock as long as the response calls for it. We have met your demand and have sent out over 1,200 since the first ad in 1993. Its an easy way to advertise your pride in being a York Rite Mason, and obtain some petitions! The belt is made from a black, military type belt with a woven ribbon sewed on. Woven into this ribbon are the three York Rite emblems and the names of the three bodies in gold letters. The colors are gold, silver, and red, and these are repeated several times around the belt. It comes in a standard 51-inch length, but

longer can be supplied if needed. A brass buckle completes the fine looking belt. Proceeds go to the Knights Templar Eye Foundation and the Holy Land Pilgrimage program. Checks or money orders for \$12.00 to Frederick H. Heuss, P.G.C.; 6 Vernon Avenue; Rochester, NH 03867.

Wanted: Commandery uniform, coat size 54 or 56L or XL, for honest or fair price. Jerry Humence, 320 Red Deer Road, Bluff City, TN 37618. (615) 968-2283.

For sale: C.P.O. coats, poly-wool, summer weight; sizes 44 short, 44X long, and 46 short. \$23.00 includes shipping and handling. 10% of all sales will be donated to KTEF. General Merchandise Company, 13690 Broad Street, S. W.; Palaskala; OH 43062; (614) 927-7V73.

For sale: new C.P.O. uniform coats, polyester/wool, summer weight. Sizes: 42S, 44S, 44XL. (Sorry, we are out of 48XL.) \$20.00 each plus S & H. Small sizes (35S and 36XS) for \$5.00 each can be used as pocket flap material. Percentage will be donated to KTEF. John Myers, 2120 N. SR. 127, Angola, IN 46703, (219) 665-2797 or J. William Meyers, 1460 East U.S. Highway 20, Angola, IN 46703, (219) 665-5686.

Newly published: a book containing the names of members of the Masonic Fraternity who have received our nation's highest military award for bravery, the Medal of Honor. Also, Contains Congressional citations which accompanied the awarding of the medal and a brief history of same plus the name of the Masonic Lodge of which the recipient is a member. Cost is \$9.95 ea.. plus \$3.00 S & H. CT residents please add 6% state sales tax. 10% of profits will be donated to KTEF. Check or money order to The Weidner Publishing Group, 490 Cornwall Avenue, Cheshire, CT 06410. Sorry, no CODs.

George Washington Lodge No. 585, located at Vicenza, Italy, is commemorating its 37th anniversary as the first American military Lodge in Italy. This memorable event is being honored by a limited edition, fine porcelain plate, 13 diameter. It has square and compass in powdered gold along with outline of Italy and the Lodge insignia. All profits go toward purchase of a permanent Lodge home. Cost is \$25.00 each, including S & H. Make checks or money orders payable to Ole F Olson, CMR 427/Box 2494, APO AE 09630. Checks or money orders only.

For sale: we still have 80 silver coins from the celebration of Delaware 46 F. & A.M. 1993 Sesquicentennial. There .999 proof silver. We will ship them for \$18.00 per coin. Send check or money order to Robert F Bradbury, Chaplain; 212 Greenbrier Road; Muncie; IN 47304-3712.

Tints Lodge No. 116. A.F. & A.M.. Langford. South Dakota, is celebrating its 100th anniversary in 1994 with the following items for sale commemorating the June 13, 1894, charter date: lapel pin, \$3.50; key fob, \$4.50; money clip, \$5.50. All items will be sent postpaid. Make checks payable to *Tinta Lodge* No. 116, and mail orders to P.R. 1, Box 3; Langford; SD 57454.

Dunriellon Lodge No. 136, F. & AM., of Dunnellon, Florida. is celebrating its 100th year and has had a coin struck to commemorate this event. Its bright bronze with working tools, square and compass and the all-seeing eye on one side. Years and name of Lodge on reverse side. Comes with certificate signed by Master and Secretary with Lodge seal on gold tool and brief historical description. Price is \$5.00 plus \$1.00 S & H. Mail check to G. Lume, P.O. Box 1633, Dunnellon, FL 34430-1633.

Albert Pike Lodge No. 303, A.F. & AM., Wichita, Kansas, has a custom design coin commemorating their 100th year. The coin is antique bronze. Send \$6.00 to B. IA Swan. 4865 So. Bluff, Wichita, KS 67210..

For sale: Scottish Rite, Valley of Peoria, 125th anniversary coins at \$5.00 each, including postage. Mail check to Scottish Rite, 400 N.E Perry Avenue, Peoria, IL 61603.

Notice: Independence. Missouri: Harry S Truman Library's Legacy of Leadership celebration. The library and its support organization have unveiled plans to renovate the entire library museum, so that a new generation can more fully understand our world today. To accomplish this major endeavor, the Truman Library Institute is embarking on the largest fund-raising campaign in its history with a \$10 million goal. The fund will also help bring Truman's presidency and the library he built into the 21st century through the museum renovation, plus exciting new outreach, educational and public programs. For more information or to make a contribution to the Harry S Truman Library Institute Twenty-First Century Fund, contact the institute's development officer, Philip Fleming. at (816) 833-0425

I am in need of History of Royal Arch Masonry .Volume I, written by Everett A. Turnball and Ray V. Densiow. the book was published in 1956. The book is in three volumes, but I only need Volume I. Mitchell IA Waring, 3408 Robin Lynn Drive, Ashland, KY 41102,

Wanted: Masonic Chapter pennies by avid collector. I have been building this collection for 23 years. and still need many pieces as I am collecting all varieties. These one day will end up in a Masonic museum. Why not find a home for your mark? I will gladly send you a check for one piece or will buy your collection, if you collect, I will gladly exchange. Any assistance will surely be appreciated. I will answer all letters. Maurice Storck, Sr.; 775 W Roger Road, No. 214; Tucson; AZ 85705; (602) 888-7585.

Attention, Brother Masons: a fellow Mason wishes to purchase for his collection German and Japanese military souvenirs, helmets, uniforms, hats, swords, daggers, medals, books, or any other military item. Carl H. Faust, Box 2141, Setauket, NY 11 733. (516) 751-5556.

For sale: 10 Masonic pocket watches, ranging in age from 1820s to 1940s, some gold, gold filled and silver: one model No. 2 Dudley and one Swiss triangle with mother of pearl dial. All in excellent working order. Also, 3 gold Blue Lodge rings and 2 Scottish Rite rings, one set with 1 ci. sapphire and rubies. Also several Masonic watch fobs. Michael Landes. 140 Hill Street, Buchnis, OH 44820, (419)582-2091.

Wanted: Dudley watch, watch fobs, etc. State price, condition, etc. Charles P. Markva. 1998 Orange Street, York PA 17404.

Canadian York Rite Mason would like to hear from Masons in the blowing states, especially the more remote areas but any pan: California, Nevada, and Arizona. I would very much like to know more about Masonry in these states and to exchange views and ideas. I will answer all letters sent to me. Peter J. Westbere, 33 Philip Avenue, Guelph, Ontario, N1E 1R5, Canada.

For sale: Masonic diamond ring, size 12, appraised at \$540. 1 will sell for \$500. Also, best offer on a collectible small flashlight with gold roses and pearls, suitable for a purse. Inscribed: "Tangier Temple, BNG GRNVAL Potentate 1951. Call (402)439-2142.

Wanted: unusual Masonic items, Syria Temple, bank in replica of the Grand Lodge at Philadelphia. Lionel items. Glenn L Roller, 109 W. 1-leke Street, Spring Grove, PA 17362.

Wanted: 2 books: Freemason's Guide and Compendium by Bernard E. Jones and King Solomon's Temple by Alex Herne. John E. Easier, 301 Myra Lou. Copperas Cove, 13(76522-2028.

Mount Emblem Cemetery, Elmhurst, Twilight section-3 lots, \$3,585 value for \$1,650 or best offer. Call collect, (704) 891-8962 after 5 p.m.

Brother Mason is avid baseball collector. Your old baseball glove is my treasure. Photos, bats, balls. Etc - I collect it all! Mike Gorisolu, 242 La Pera Circle, Danville, CA 94526, (510) 838-0361.

Sir Knight into ham radio wishes to find vibroplex or similar type key. Please send description and price to Fred Ho/I, 5200 Meadowbrook Drive, Ft. Worth, TX 76 112-4824.

I want to buy books by Rider Haggard, single volumes or collections. Malcolm A. Watson. 32 Piggott Road, Medford, MA 02155.

Wanted: Ned Smith print. "Dutch Country Bluebirds." Marilyn L. Neff, 465 Frederick Drive. Dallastown, PA 17313, (717)244-1218,

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I am trying to locate Walter B. Klink. originally from Sellersville, PA area, approx. 66-67 years of age. Want to contact about high school 50th anniversary class reunion, class of 1945. Any info or address contact Bruce Hednck, 739 S. Chubb Drive, Doylestown, PA 18901.

I am searching for the poem or story that has the refrain, "A wee little bunch of blackberries. My grandfather told all of his children and grandchildren this, but the refrain, is all any of us remember. I would like to pass on to my grandson. George Vaughint, 1007W. 21st, Lip/and, CA 91784.

For sale: Pompamp Beach, ft condo: 2 bedrooms, 2 baths. ocean front north, 2 pools and health club. Reduced - price to sell! (216) 532-4283.

Wanted: any type oil burning, railroad lanterns; prefer colored globes. Send photo or description. Billy Ward, 4023 Welismark, Humble, 1X 77396.

Wanted: 1940s and 1950s neckties, Collector will pay cash for old ties and premium for hand-painted, photographic and Dali designs. I pay postage even if I don't buy the ties. Phil Williams, 1-800-912-7754 or (704) 452-9511, 126 Fe/met Street, Waynesville, NC 28786.

Reunion: U.S.S. Fred T. Berry (DD/DDE-858), October 6-9. 1994, the Hermitage Hotel, Nashville, TN. Joe Ryan. 1170 Gene Autry Way. Anaheim, CA 92805-6789. days (714) 978-9111 or (310) 432-3407; evenings (714) 530-9588.

Reunion: U.S.S. Reynolds (DE-42), WWII. In Springfield. Missouri, September 11-15. For information contact Joseph (Jose) McKenzie. 1016 S. Constantine Street, Three Rivers, MI 49093, (616) 279-5338. Former crew members, please respond even I unable to attend this year.

There is so much that is bad in the best of us,  
And so much that is good in the worst of us,  
That it doesn't behoove any of us  
To talk about the rest of us.

Author unknown